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Office Action Summary

Application No.	09/932,013	Applicant(s)	EVERETT ET AL.
Examiner	Matthew B Smithers	Art Unit	2137

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 August 2001.
2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement filed December 6, 2001 has been placed in the application file and the information referred to therein has been considered as to the merits.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting essential elements, such omission amounting to a gap between the elements. See MPEP § 2172.01. The omitted elements are: the means for performing the method steps of the card system. It is not clear what the system uses to perform the determining step or how the system loads the application unto the card.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States

only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. patent 6,233,683 granted to Chan et al.

Regarding claim 1, Chan meets the claimed limitations as follows:

"In a secure card system, the improvement comprising:

a first step of determining, based at least upon an encrypted personalization data block, that an IC card is qualified to accept loading of an application;
and a second step of loading the application onto the IC card after the first step."
see column 8, line 38 to column 9, line 21 and column 10, lines 15-25.

Regarding claim 2, Chan meets the claimed limitations as follows:

"In a secure card system, the improvement comprising:

a first step of determining, based at least upon an encrypted personalization data block, that an IC card is qualified to accept deleting of an application;
and a second step of deleting the application from the IC card after the first step."

see column 8, line 38 to column 9, line 21 and column 10, lines 15-25.

Regarding claim 3, Chan meets the claimed limitations as follows:

"In a secure card system, the improvement comprising:

a first step of determining, based at least upon an encrypted personalization data block, whether an IC card is qualified to accept loading of an application;
and a second step of loading the application onto the IC card only if the first step determines that the IC card is qualified to accept the loading of the application." see column 8, line 38 to column 9, line 21 and column 10, lines 15-25.

Regarding claim 4, Chan meets the claimed limitations as follows:

"In a secure card system, the improvement comprising:

a first step of determining, based at least upon an encrypted personalization data block, whether an IC card is qualified to accept deleting of an application; and a second step of deleting the application from the IC card only if the first step determines that the IC card is qualified to accept the deleting of the application." see column 8, line 38 to column 9, line 21 and column 10, lines 15-25.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Matthew B Smithers whose telephone number is (703) 308-9293. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (9:00-5:30) EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gregory A Morse can be reached on (703) 308-4789. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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